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SUBJECT:US-FRENCH PLANNING TALKS

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1. FRENCH EMBASSY HAS GIVEN US LETTER FROM DE MONTBRIAL TO LORD (CABLED SEPARATELY) ACCEPTING FEBRUARY 2-3 FOR PLANNING TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND PROPOSING AGENDA. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM LORD TO DE MONTBRIAL,

2. QUOTE: DEAR THIERRY: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 6. YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE AGENDA ARE INTERESTING AND IN LINE WITH OUR OWN. ACCORDINGLY, I SUGGEST THAT OUR DISCUSSION BE STRUCTURED AS FOLLOWS. THE DETAILS OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND SUGGESTIONS FOR WHO MIGHT TAKE THE LEAD IN KICKING-OFF THE VARIOUS TOPICS ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2:30 P.M.: ASPECTS OF DETENTE, INCLUDING: THE SOVIET INTERNAL SITUATION AND ITS FOREIGN POLICY
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IMPLICATIONS (FRENCH LEAD); SINO-SOVIET RIVALRY (US LEAD);

AND SOUTHERN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN (FRENCH LEAD).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 10:00 A.M.: EUROPEAN AND US POLICIES
IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD (FRENCH LEAD), INCLUDING: HOW

THESE POLICIES DO OR MIGHT RELATE TO EACH OTHER; THE MIDDLE
EAST PROBLEM; THE FUTURE OF THE PERSIAN GULF AREA; INDIAN
OCEAN ISSUES, INCLUDING NAVAL POSTURE; THE INDO-CHINA AREA;
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY THE IMPACT OF EVENTS IN
ANGOLA AND FUTURE SOVIET POLICY TOWARD THE REGION.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2:30 P.M.: EVOLUTION OF THE NORTH-
SOUTH DIALOGUE (US LEAD), INCLUDING: PROSPECTS FOR CIEC
AND UNCTAD IV, AND THE ROLE OF OECD IN THE NORTH-SOUTH
DIALOGUE; AND THE OPTIMAL DIVISION OF LABOR AMONG THESE
AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

APART FROM THIS AGENDA I WOULD HOPE WE MIGHT BE ABLE--
PERHAPS OVER LUNCH--TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OTHER TOPICS OF
INTEREST. FOR EXAMPLE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR VIEWS ON
US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE WE MET
LAST APRIL.

AGAIN, THESE ARE ILLUSTRATIONS OF HOW WE MIGHT PROCEED
RATHER THAN A RIGID AGENDA. I THINK IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP
OUR DISCUSSIONS INFORMAL; FLEXIBLE AND FREE-FLOWING AS IN
THE PAST.

REG BARTHOLOMEW, ANTON DEPORTE, AND JIM LOWENSTEIN WILL
JOIN ME IN THE MEETINGS. CHUCK FRANK WILL JOIN US FOR THE
THIRD SESSION. WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR
COLLEAGUES TO BE OUR GUESTS FOR DINNER ON FEBRUARY 2 AND
LUNCHEON ON FEBRUARY 3.

WE WILL BE PLEASED TO ORGANIZE A MEETING ON DEFENSE AND
SECURITY ISSUES ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 4 WITH OFFICERS
FROM THE BUREAUS OF EUROPEAN AND POLITICAL-MILITARY
AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ACDA, AND THE NSC. THE
AFTERNOON OF THAT DAY WOULD REMAIN OPEN FOR FOLLOW-ON CON-
VERSATIONS YOU MAY WISH TO ARRANGE.

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PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR COMMENTS ON THESE SUGGESTIONS AND
ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS OF YOUR OWN. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOR-
WARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ON 2 FEBRUARY AT
2:30 P.M. IN MY OFFICE. SINCERELY, WINSTON LORD. END
QUOTE.

3. FYI. PLEASE LET US HAVE THE EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS ABOUT

WHAT WE MIGHT EXPECT FROM THE FRENCH ON THE AGENDA TOPICS
AND WHAT MIGHT BE USEFULLY DEVELOPED BY S/P AT THE FORMAL
PLANNING TALKS OR INFORMALLY IN THE MARGIN OF THEM. IN
PARTICULAR, WHAT LINE DO YOU THINK MOST USEFUL WITH RESPECT
TO THE TOPICS YOU SUGGESTED FOR THE AGENDA, NAMELY, THE
MIDDLE EAST AND INDIAN OCEAN? ALSO, WE WOULD APPRECIATE

YOUR LATEST READING ON THE STATUS, ROLE, SIZE AND CURRENT
MAJOR INTERESTS OF THE CAP. END FYI. KISSINGER

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